

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 49

November 18, 2009

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OPTIONAL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS - REVISED

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY


PURPOSE: The Chief of Police has modified the Optional Uniform Requirements (Class "C") uniform to include the wearing of a long sleeve uniform shirt without a tie. This revision in the Department uniform reflects the need to provide officers with different uniform options. This will ensure their comfort, while at the same time, allowing them the ability to accomplish their assignments more effectively.

PROCEDURE: Exemplary uniform appearance has always been an important tradition of the Los Angeles Police Department. There is nothing in this Order that should be considered a lowering of uniform standards. In fact, it is just the opposite. There is a need to establish and enforce a consistent set of rules and avoid unofficial modifications of the uniform. Therefore, sworn personnel may opt to wear their long sleeve uniform shirt without a tie. This modification does not alter the wearing of a Class "A" uniform for special events or when deemed appropriate by the employee's commanding officer.

SUPERVISOR'S AND COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. Primary responsibility for complying with Department personal appearance standards rests with each sworn Department employee. However, supervisors and commanding officers are also responsible for ensuring that sworn Department employees comply with these standards.

AMENDMENT: This Order revises Section 3/615.10 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Internal Audits and Inspections Division, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

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